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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

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Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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In The Drawings:

Please replace Figures 1 and 2 with the attached amended drawings.

Please cancel Figures 3 and 4.

In the Specification:

Kindly delete paragraphs 12 and 13 on page 3.

Kindly replace paragraph 8 on page 3 with the following:

In accordance with the objects of the present invention, an automotive roof rack system is provided. The automotive roof rack system includes at least one storage surface having a first position, generally coincident to the roof of the vehicle, and a second position, generally coincident to the side of the vehicle. The at least one storage surface is movable between the first position and the second position to provide cargo space on top of the vehicle